SENATE BILL   No. 587

Introduced by Senator Battin

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 50650 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 587, as introduced, Battin. Housing: CalHome Program.

Under existing law, CalHome Program funds are required to be used for the purpose of enabling low- and very low income households to become or remain homeowners.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in the findings and declarations regarding the CalHome Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 50650 of the Health and Safety Code is
2   amended to read:
3   50650. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
4   (a) An adequate supply of safe and affordable housing is the
5   foundation for strong and sustainable communities. Owner
6   occupied housing is a key housing resource~~, contributing~~ *that*
7   *contributes* to neighborhood stability as well as economic
8   vitality.
9   (b) In California, homeownership is beyond the reach of a
10 large segment of the population. There are also many
11 homeowners who lack the resources to make necessary repairs to
12 their homes, or who would welcome the opportunity to share
13 ~~them~~ *their homes* with suitable tenants.

1   (c) Reflecting ~~California's~~ *the* diversity *of the residents within*
2 *the state*, there ~~is~~ *are* a variety of proven approaches to the
3 promotion of homeownership within the state. The purpose of the
4 CalHome Program established by this chapter is to support
5 existing homeownership programs aimed at lower and very low
6 income households and operated by private nonprofit and local
7 government agencies, and thereby to increase homeownership,
8 encourage neighborhood revitalization and sustainable
9 development, and maximize *the* use of existing homes.
10   (d) The CalHome Program is intended to take the place of the
11 Senior Citizens' Shared Housing Program established by Chapter
12 3.6 (commencing with Section 50533), which is repealed by the
13 act enacting this chapter.

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